

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following changes at the indicated locations in the specification:

Page 1, line 4, please insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 20, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 29, please insert the following section describing the drawing figures:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The objects, features and advantages of the invention will now be illustrated in more detail with the aid of the following description of the preferred embodiments, with reference to the accompanying figures in which:

Figure 1 is a flow chart showing an embodiment of a process based on extruder technology for preparing the coated dye-containing pellets according to the invention; and

Figure 2 is a flow chart showing an embodiment of a top spray process for preparing the coated dye-containing pellets according to the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, lines 32 to 34, please make the following changes in the paragraph

between these lines:

The dye-containing pellets of the invention are prepared by the process based on extruder technology and schematically shown in figure 1 ~~Appendix 1~~ [pellets as under (a)] or by the top spray process [pellets as under (a) or (b)] schematically presented in figure 2 ~~Appendix 2~~.